

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-26 were pending. Claim 26 has been withdrawn. No claims have been amended or added in the current response.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects species a (directed to Figure 1B in the specification, with optical transceiver at the input port of a wavelength switch module) to be examined without traverse. Claims 1-25 encompass species a, and hence, Applicant elects claims 1-25 for further prosecution and withdraws claim 26.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

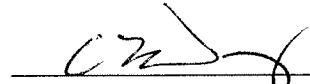
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. If any other petition is necessary for consideration of this paper, it is hereby so petitioned.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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